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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

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3. (Amended) The promoter according to claim 1, wherein the restriction site is a restriction site for BamHI.

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

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5. (Amended) The promoter according to claim 1, wherein the restriction site includes restriction sites for BamHI and at least one restriction site other than the restriction site for BamHI, and the restriction site other than the restriction site for BamHI is present downstream of the BamHI cleavage site.

Please amend claim 9 as follows:

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9. (Amended) An expression cassette having the promoter according to claim 1.

Please amend claim 15 as follows:

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15. (Amended) A recombinant microorganism having the expression vector according to claim 10.

Please add new claims 17-30 as follows:

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17. The promoter according to claim 2, wherein the restriction site is a restriction site for BamHI.

18. The promoter according to claim 2, wherein

the restriction site includes restriction sites for BamHI and at least one restriction site other than the restriction site for BamHI, and

the restriction site other than the restriction site for BamHI is present downstream of the BamHI cleavage site.

19. An expression cassette having the promoter according to claim 18.

20. An expression cassette having the promoter according to claim 2.

21. An expression cassette having the promoter according to claim 3.

22. An expression cassette having the promoter according to claim 4.

23. An expression cassette having the promoter according to claim 5.

24. An expression cassette having the promoter according to claim 6.

25. An expression cassette having the promoter according to claim 7.

26. An expression cassette having the promoter according to claim 8.

27. A recombinant microorganism having the expression vector according to claim 11.

28. A recombinant microorganism having the expression vector according to claim 12.

29. A recombinant microorganism having the expression vector according to claim 13.

30. A recombinant microorganism having the expression vector according to claim 14.

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